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For: GOODS DEALING APPARATUS, GOODS,  
DEALING SYSTEM, GOODS DEALING  
METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM

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Examiner: E. L. Gort

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION & AMENDMENT**

**MS RCE**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page **2** of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page **12** of this paper.